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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

BERTRAND TAVITIAN, ET AL. : ATTN: MAIL STOP MISSING PARTS

SERIAL NO: 10/593,256 :

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FOR: APTAMERS SELECTED FROM LIVE TUMOR CELLS AND THE USE

THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed November 7, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this response.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 12 of this response and include three attached replacement sheets.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 13 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 30 of this response.